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TRUMAN'S NOTE ON GREECE
Britain Asked To Retain Her Forces There**No Troops To Be Sent From USA**

Washington, Mar. 2. President Truman has urged Britain to retain her troops in Greece to avert a civil war there, with the assurance that the American administration is considering assuming much of the financial burden and supplying military assistance other than the despatch of American troops.

This according to the Sunday Times correspondent, is the effect of a note which the Under-Secretary of State has handed to the British Ambassador. The note was in reply to the one handed by the British Ambassador, Lord Iverchapel, to General Marshall, Secretary of State, in which it was explained that Britain could not continue to accept financial responsibility for Greece after March 31.

President Truman is expected in a "major address" on Thursday to lay the facts before the nation and will ask for a credit or loan of \$2,500,000 for Greece, spread over the next three years. It will be supported by General Marshall. What answer the American public will make nobody can say. It is certainly, however, that the American administration feels that the desperate economic plight of Britain and its suggested withdrawal from Greece makes the major problem facing the Moscow conference not so much the German issue but the precarious situation of the border democracies, Greece, Turkey and Italy, not to forget France and even Britain herself.

Big Surprise

American military chiefs see that it is of first importance to American security that Greece should be saved. This is also the view of President Truman and General Marshall. The question is whether Congress and the

public will take this historic decision for which there is no American precedent and present it to them without previous preparation.

The news that Britain proposed to reduce her underwriting commitments in Greece came to the Washington with stunning suddenness and General Marshall himself was nonplussed. There is prospect that subsequent discussion will be brutally frank on the process of American education in world affairs will be faster in the next month than during the last century.

Crucial Decision

President Truman and General Marshall under the most solemn circumstances on Thursday laid before select Congressional leaders the necessity of making a crucial decision. That decision is whether the country is prepared to make available money and military strength to block further extension of Soviet influence throughout Europe.

The meeting was described as "ultra secret" which meant that most of the pertinent facts were published here within 24 hours. Perhaps this was intended. Certainly, the matter was presented without vestige of partisan bias as a decision which the entire nation must face.—Reuter.

U.S. Terms

London, Mar. 2. The receipt of an "aide memoire" from the United States Government, outlining the terms on which it would be prepared to provide economic assistance for the Greek Government, was confirmed by a Foreign Office spokesman tonight. The communication is now being considered. The United States is reliably understood to have urged that British troops should continue to stay in Greece if economic assistance is to be supplied from Washington.—Reuter.

Two Bearded Women Are Now Men

Rome, Mar. 2. Dispatches from Turin reported today that two sisters, Lina and Luigia Chabert, 30 and 38 years old respectively, had been transformed from women into men by surgical operations.

The responsible newspaper, Il Messaggero, said that although both had been legally registered at birth as females, their bodily characteristics became "unmistakably masculine" despite long and abundant

SEARCH ABANDONED

Singapore, Mar. 2. The search for the Royal Air Force Dakota "missing" since Wednesday on a flight from Singapore to Saigon with two high-ranking British officers was abandoned at 11.30 a.m. today.

The British cruiser Manzanar and aircraft have been searching a wide area where the Dakota may have come down. Yesterday the search parties landed at Tioman Island, off the east coast of Malaya, to ask the islanders to join in the search.

The plane was carrying two civilians and two Service personnel, including Brigadier J. H. Alma, chief of British Intelligence in Singapore.—Reuter.

Better Out Of Asia

Washington, Mar. 3. Senator Capper, Republican, Kansas, said he feels assured that the Western Europeans are "definitely out of Asia—politically and probably economically."

"When Britain grants independence to India the next step is inevitable," Capper said in a radio address. "That inevitable next step is that France and Holland also are going to give up their holdings in the Orient. In other words, World War II ended the reign of the White European man in the Orient."

Capper said the American withdrawal of "a few diplomats and a comparatively few armed forces from China was in my judgment, a good move, all things considered. If the Asians prove themselves capable of running their own affairs we are in a position to deal with them on equal terms politically and economically. "If, as many persons believe, Soviet Russia attempts to move into the supposed vacuum created by our voluntary withdrawal and Europe's compulsory withdrawal, then our moves in the Orient are less likely to be viewed with suspicion than if we were regarded as abetting the continuance of Western European domination of the Orient."—Associated Press.

Hitler Treasure Found

Berlin, Mar. 2.

Hitler's platinum treasure, worth several thousand pounds, has been discovered by Allied officials in the steel chambers of a German bank.

The platinum, which was a gift of a wealthy South African whose name is not disclosed, is the only property of Hitler of any considerable value so far discovered.

American investigation officials have discovered in the vaults of the Thyssen Bank, Reich Treasury, orders to the value of half a million marks, belonging to Goering.—Reuter.

No Home Yet For The Moscow Talks

Moscow, Mar. 2.

Eight days before the opening of the Foreign Ministers conference in Moscow the embassies of the participating powers had not been informed today where it is to take place.

There is considerable evidence pointing to the use of the former Flyers' Club, two and a half miles from the heart of the city which, in pre-revolutionary times, was a restaurant for Tsarist aristocracy. Crews of carpenters and painters have been busy there clearing and refurbishing, since Feb. 14, if the club proves to be the place chosen it will add a touch of historic colour.

In the days of the Romanoffs it was known as the "Yar" Restaurant and was mentioned frequently in Russian classics describing the life of the aristocracy. It stands near Dynamo Stadium at the start of the Leninrad highway. The four-story building, some 80 or 100 years old, still has a "restaurant" which, it is believed, would be an important factor in its choice.

since it would enable the negotiators to have meals on the spot. Only a thin trickle of advance clerical staff such as typists has reached Moscow. Correspondents with cables from colleagues who have reached Stockholm, Berlin and Paris, asking for assistance in speeding up visas. There is no indication when the bars will be let down but the general opinion is that it will not be until zero-hour.

The Moscow hotels are undergoing house-clearing of cyclonic proportions with squads of painters, whitewashers, upholsterers and scrubbers, men setting the stage to welcome the overflow of foreign delegations.—Reuter.

THE POPE'S BIRTHDAY

Vatican City, Mar. 2. Special Masses were celebrated in churches throughout Rome today—the Pope's 71st birthday. Mass in the Vatican was attended by all diplomatic representatives to the Holy See. The Vatican flag, gold and white, was flown from all Vatican buildings.—Reuter.

Tapping Rich Source Of Labour--D.Ps.

Hertford, Mar. 2.

Government delegations from all parts of Europe and the United States are arriving in Britain's zone of Germany to tap the skilled labour lying idle in displaced persons camps.

Nearly two years after the end of the European war, Britain, France and a host of small nations have discovered that up to 150,000 skilled men and women, many of them imported into the Reich to act as slave labour for Hitler's war machine, are available for work.

Almost simultaneously the nations have decided that to import these displaced persons under favourable conditions is one way of repatriating their war-torn economies. French officials touring the British, French and American zones are guaranteeing that any worker who proved satisfactory after one year in France will not be sent back and will eventually be given the opportunity of applying for French citizenship.

Britain, in spite of her labour shortage in the mines, appears to have been slightly later in the field than France, but a special Parliamentary delegation has now arrived at Berlin to discuss the terms for a conference on displaced persons.

The selection of D.P.s for Britain was understood to be carried out by Ministry of Labour

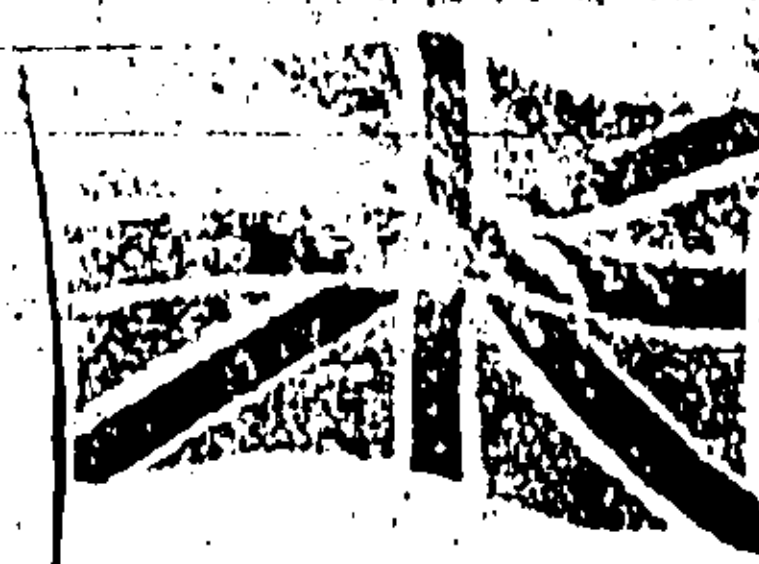
officials already placed in Germany to "screen" Baltic displaced girls who have been leaving for Britain since last October for domestic work in hospitals and institutions.

Some 4,000 of these girls will leave for Britain before the plans are complete.

Norway, Belgium, and Canada are among the smaller nations taking an interest in labour from Germany's displaced persons camps.

Displaced persons who remain in Germany are to be given a new status so that they no longer remain a burden on the British taxpayer. They will be directed into productive labour in the same way as Germans will face the same penalties as Germans if they refuse to work, will be placed on German rationing, and made subject to German law.

Before these regulations are laid after the war, UNRRA, the British authorities, have taken all possible steps to speed the repatriation of those D.P.s who wish to return to their native countries.—Reuter.



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MEAN INDIFFERENCE**Mexico City, Mar. 3.
President Harry Truman today pledged the United States will "be faithful to the letter and to the spirit" of non-intervention in other nations' affairs, but declared that "cannot mean indifference.""Events in one country may have a profound effect in other countries," he said. "The community of nations feels concern at the violation of accepted principles of national behaviour by any one of its members."
President Truman, making a goodwill visit to Mexico, devoted part of his speech to defining for the first time his conception of the "doctrine of non-intervention."**MAJESTIC**
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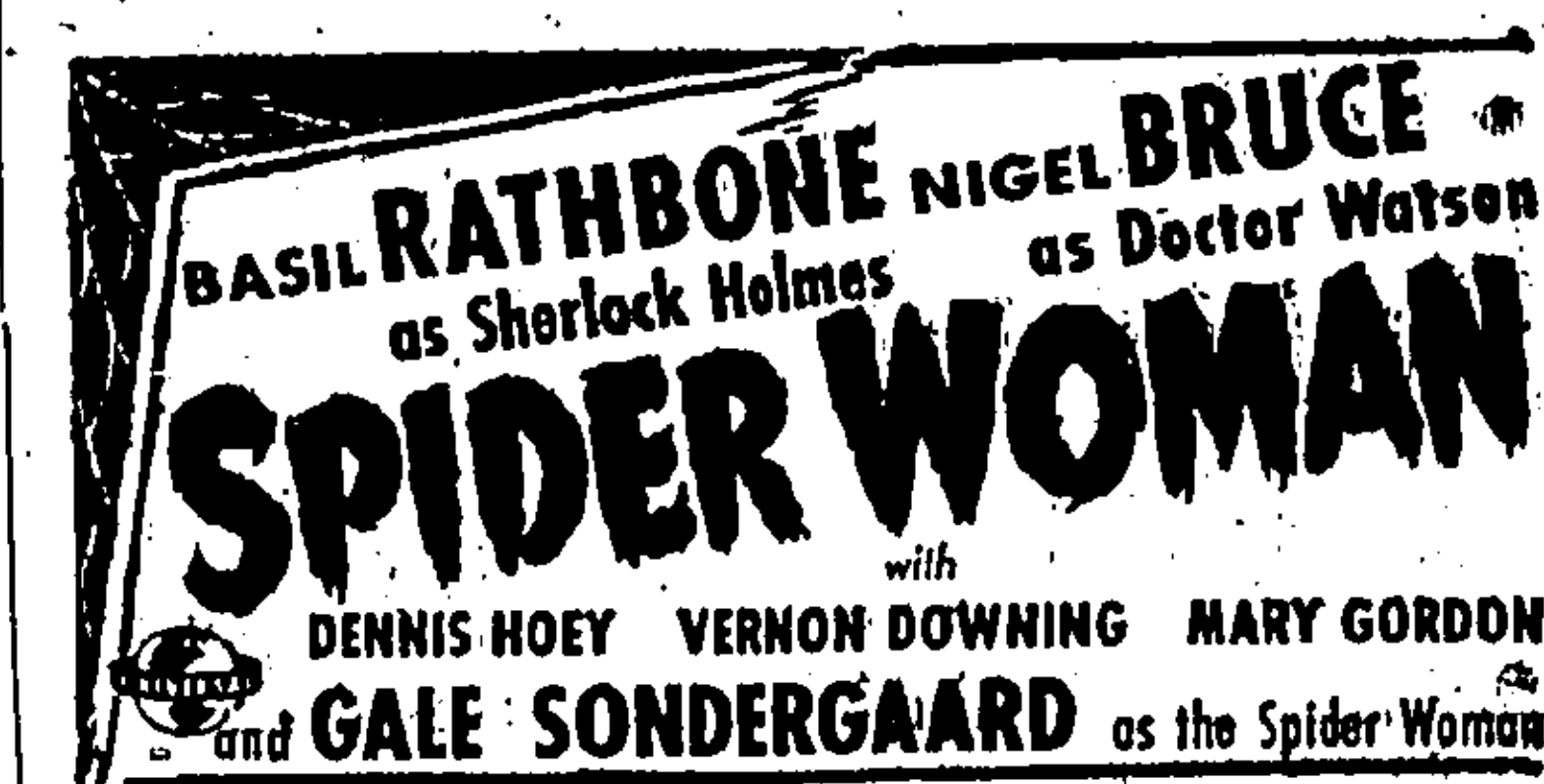
"What it means is that a strong nation does not have the right to impose its will on a weaker nation," he said. "A wholehearted acceptance of the doctrine by all of us is the keystone of the inter-American system; without it we could not exist as a community of good neighbours."

Inspiring Progress

"It is a binding commitment under the good neighbour policy. It is part of a basic international law recognised by all American republics. My own country will be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of that law."

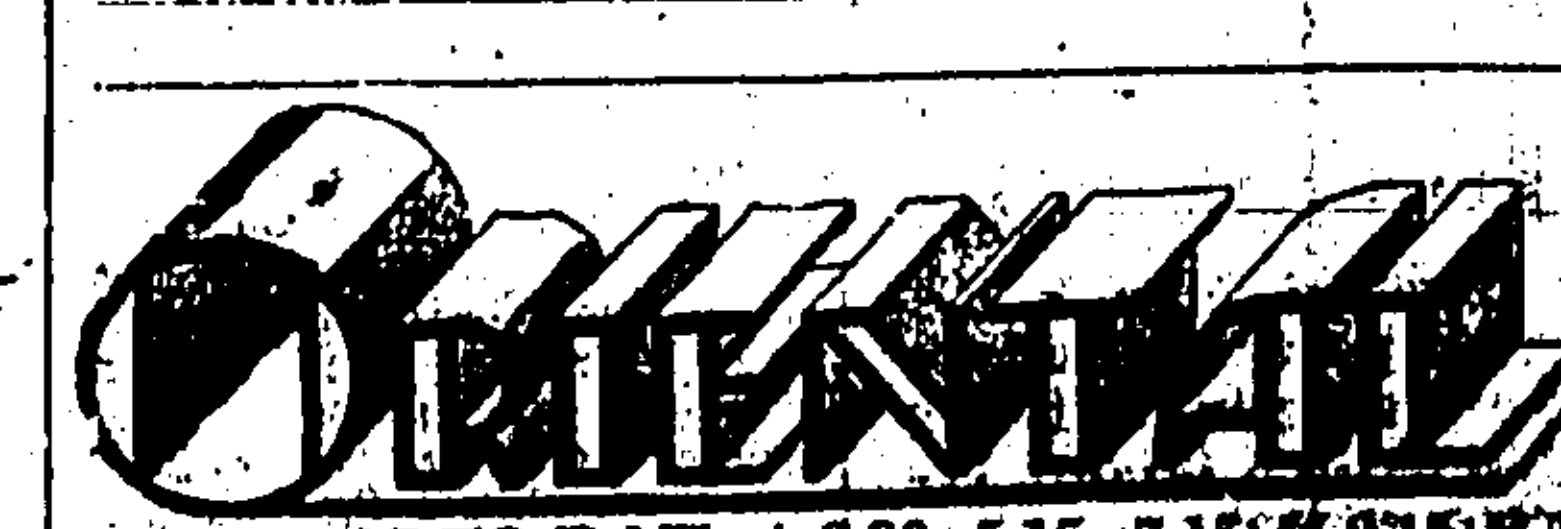
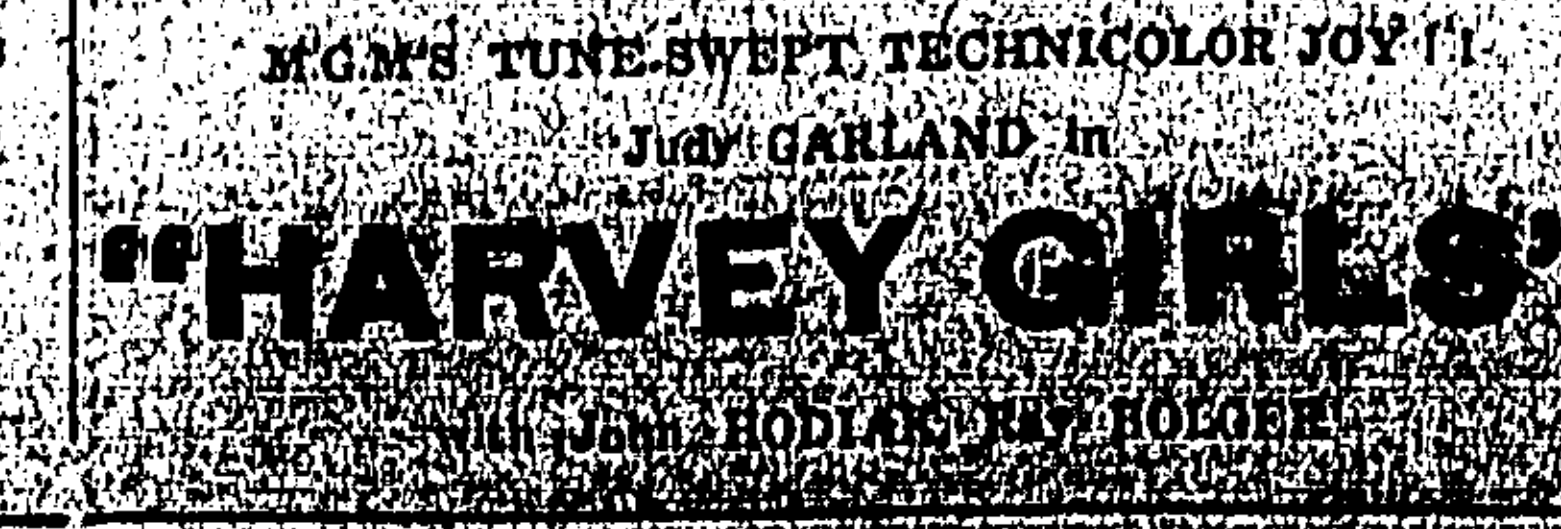
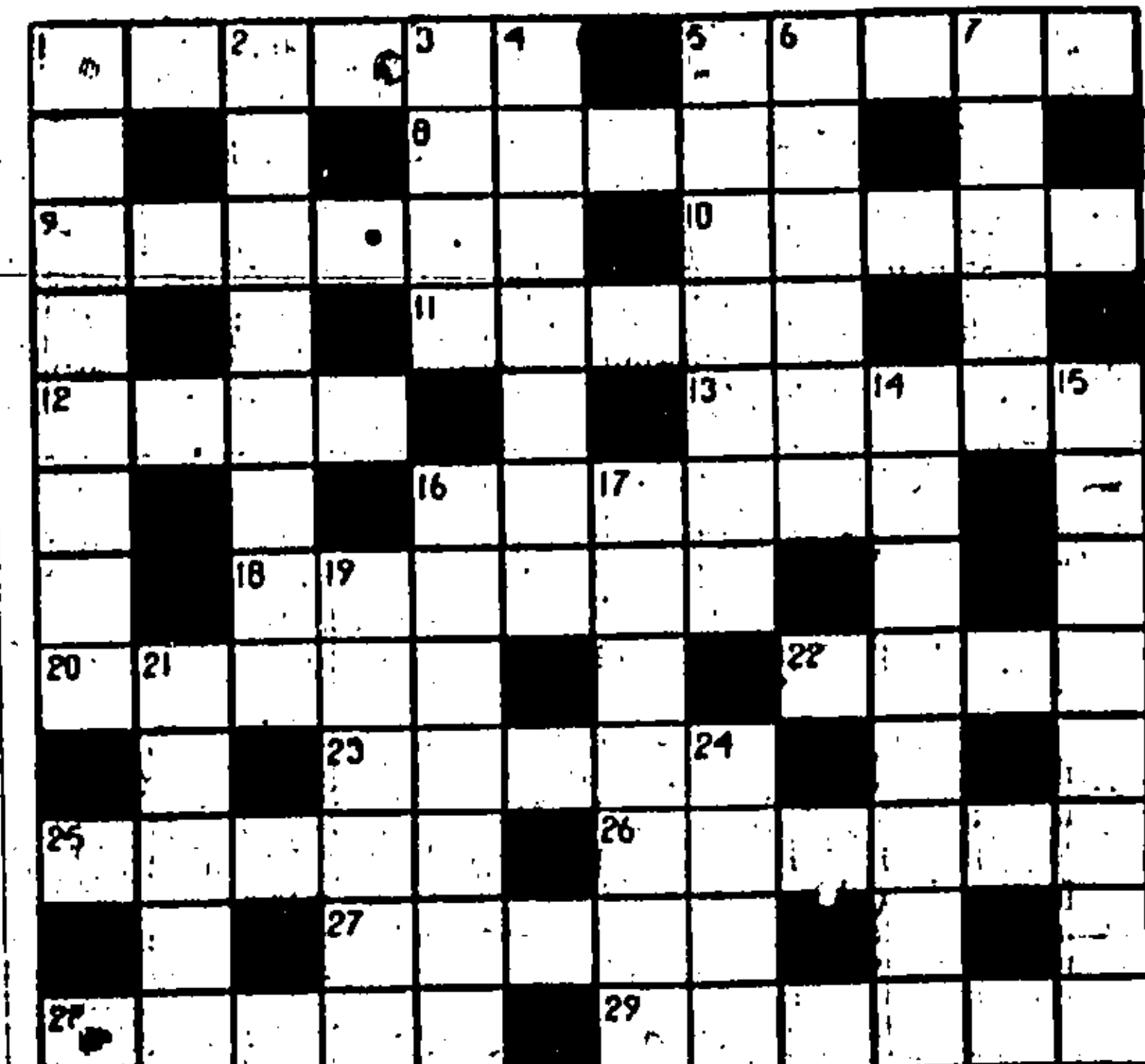
The President went on to say that an "effort to achieve collective world security has been concurrent with growing acceptance of the doctrine of non-intervention."

"It is inspiring to note the progress we have made toward establishing a community of nations with authority to enforce law on delinquencies," he continued.

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CALLED UP**London, Mar. 2.
A Daily Telegraph dispatch from Athens said today that 10,000 reservists between the ages of 22 and 28 had been called up in what was believed to be Greece's first step toward increasing the size of her army.
The dispatch quoted an authoritative source saying that Greece should increase her army from its present 100,000 men to 200,000 or 300,000 and then she would not need any foreign force to cope with internal disturbances or external threats.—United Press.**SILK IS
COMING BACK**New York, Mar. 3.
"Silk is coming back," the American National Retail Dry Goods Association says in its report to its members.
"In spite of all new synthetic fibres which have found such a useful place in the merchandise world there is a romantic thrill in connection with silk which never can belong to any other fibre," the Association says.
The report forms part of the Association's effort to encourage American shopkeepers to buy more silk articles for customers.—Associated Press.**BLACK MARKET
CRACK-DOWN**Rome, Mar. 2.
The police arrested eight persons, including Mussolini's Minister of Communications, today in a black-market crack-down on Czech sugar imports which the group allegedly said was the Cuban Government's gift to the Italian Communist Party.
The police said the former Minister, Nino Host-Venturi, and seven others profited for weeks on 4,800 tons of sugar which they said the Cuban Government had exported to aid pastry industry workers in Italy.—United Press.**U.S. COTTON**New York, Mar. 3.
American cotton production is expected to increase when farm labour becomes available.
A survey by the Department of Agriculture discloses that 68 per cent of cotton farmers who refused acreage did so because of labour shortage and intend to increase crops when labour can again be found.
Meanwhile, the Department of Agriculture reports that hedging of foreign cotton through sales in the American futures markets has had little effect on American cotton prices.
The volume of transactions is said to be small.—Associated Press.**A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE****Clues Down**

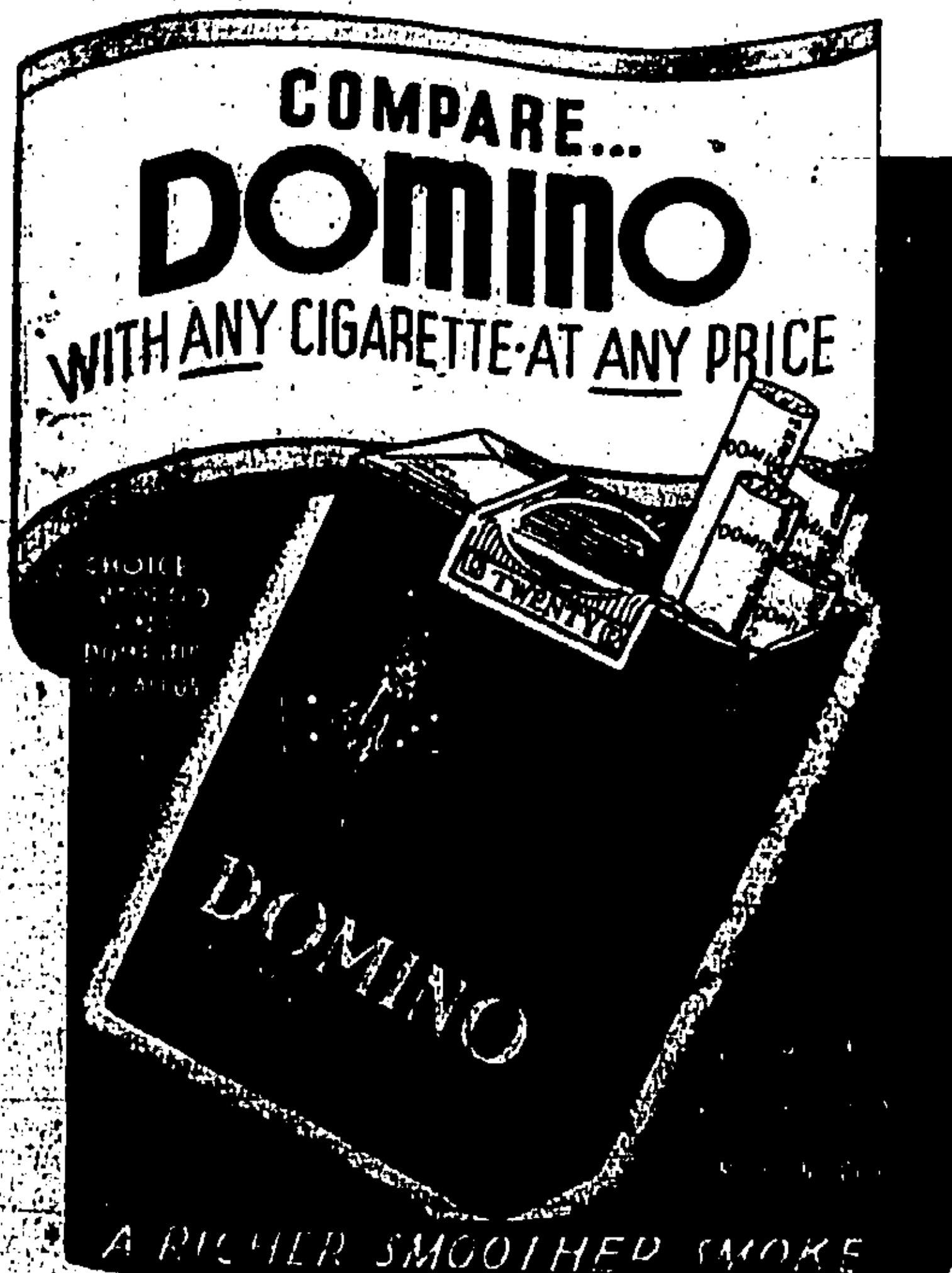
1. Accidents.
2. Robust.
3. Unit of metal fine-ness.
4. Competitor.
5. Regal.
6. Material.
7. Contest.
8. Stop.
9. Gloomy.
10. Lucky charm.
11. Ventures.
12. Multitude.
13. Scent.
14. Spry.
15. Sore.
16. Angry.
17. Attempts.
18. Scolds.

Clues Across

1. In a dying state.
2. Unusual.
3. High cards.
4. Protection from the sun.
5. Beans.
6. Makes repairs.
7. Fucus.
8. Aviator.
9. Female press chief.
10. Assembles.
11. Indian corn.
12. Boring location.
13. Vacillate.
14. Valour.
15. Even.
16. Skimp.
17. Sash.
18. Mire.
19. Season.
20. Imbue.
21. Believe.
22. Slacken.
23. Solves.
24. Lunk.
25. Fray.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1. Sample; 5. Sward; 8. Axle; 9. Shrimp; 11. Scrap; 12. Embers; 14. Bust; 16. Ovine; 18. Creel; 19. Snip; 20. Cellar; 24.

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Wholesale Commodities

Hit New Highs

New York, Mar. 3.
Last week was the second successive week that automobile and steel production were the two most important in the business world. It beat all previous records since war work stopped. While the overall business and financial chart showed many points of strength there were several areas of deterioration. Some were the result of continued bad weather and others traceable to far more serious causes.

Disturbing to economists were: 1—the breakthrough of commodity prices to new highs in many cases. 2—the unrelieved freight car shortage crisis. The drop in retail sales from the previous week and the dollar gain of only four to eight per cent over a year ago indicate a substantial decline in unit sales when increased price levels are taken into account.

A long list of household and industrial commodities zoomed upward at a dizzy pace, causing widespread fears that labor would demand matching pay increases, that consumer resistance would tighten and that inflation would get a new lease on life.

Historic Spread

Huge grains, eggs, cotton, foreign silver and lead and many other items were enveloped in the rising spread.

There were indications rents might be raised throughout the country. A prominent oil executive forecast another rise in crude oil prices this year.

Associated Press index of wholesale commodities hit new highs one day after another. Dan

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BOWLERS ON TOP Low Scoring In Last Test

'Lindwall's Fine Performance

Sydney, Mar. 3. Australia finished today's play in the fifth and final Test match here 91 runs behind the MCC's total of 280 for the loss of four wickets. Disaster soon beset the MCC in this morning's play, which opened with Hutton being unable to bat since he was taken to Sydney Hospital with tonsillitis yesterday. This automatically brought the MCC score to 237 for seven wickets, instead of six.

Evans attempted a stand but only managed to score 29 before being bowled by Lindwall, who was on his best form of any of the Tests. Smith was dismissed early for two by Lindwall, whose bowling presented one of the finest exhibitions seen in Test cricket.

Bedser and Wright drew the match out mainly due to their handling by Wright, who succeeded in putting Bedser to the bowling as often as possible, but they only added 17 before Wright was caught by Tallon behind the wicket, from a ball by Miller.

He was then generally known that Lindwall while accomplishing a fine bowling performance of seven wickets for 63 runs, was suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis. Little happened before lunch and Morris and Barnes only added sixteen runs before the interval. Afterwards, however, they began to gain confidence and by rapid scoring Morris put up the Australian century in 105 minutes, bringing his own score to 40. Barnes was then 55.

Bradman Bowled
Bedser, though bowling very well and often giving the batsmen sudden jolts, never seemed to achieve any definite success until, in his first over after tea when the score stood at 126, he sent down a shorter than usual ball and claimed Barnes' wicket from a catch behind wicket by Evans. Barnes had scored 71.

There followed a brief partnership between Morris and Bradman, adding 20 runs, and then Bedser claimed Morris, who was then 57.

Without any addition to the score—which was 148—Bradman was clean-bowled by Wright when he was 12.

This marked the beginning of a 75-minute spell in which both Bedser and Wright bowled continuously without change, sending down four successive maidens and forcing the batsmen, Hassett and Miller, to keep on the defensive.

Delaying Tactics
The spell was broken by Hassett, however, who knocked Wright for three, to be followed by Miller, who claimed eight, making Wright's most expensive over of the match.

Five minutes before the close of play, however, Wright had his revenge and claimed Miller's wicket with the aid of Ikin who caught a fine catch in slips. Miller had made 23, and the score was then 187.

Hassett was joined by Hanneke for the last few minutes and the crowd was greatly amused as the two batsmen obviously did their best to delay the game, putting the pitch and generally "going slow" in an effort to prevent Wright's return to the bowling end. Hassett added two more.

RADIO

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11.00 p.m.—"Tales of Not-So-Long-Ago"—No. 11.
11.15 p.m.—"Tales of Not-So-Long-Ago"—No. 12.
11.30 p.m.—"Tales of Not-So-Long-Ago"—No. 13.
11.45 p.m.—"Tales of Not-So-Long-Ago"—No. 14.
12.00 a.m.—"Tales of Not-So-Long-Ago"—No. 15.

TABLE TENNIS CONTESTS

Paris, Mar. 2. The English women's Table Tennis team, paced by Mrs. Vera Dace, defeated Hungary tonight.

Mrs. Dace and Elizabeth Brackbush defeated their singles opponents easily, then teamed to take the doubles.

In the men's semi-finals, for the team title, the Czechs defeated Ireland 5-0.

In earlier rounds of the women's play today England defeated Switzerland 3-0 and the United States beat Belgium 3-0.

Earlier, the men's matches for the Swaythling Cup brought victories for Sweden, Australia, Egypt, France and Belgium.—United Press.

F.A. CUP DRAW

London, Mar. 3. The draw for the Football Association Cup semi-finals made today resulted as follows: Middleborough or Burnley vs. Liverpool.

Newcastle vs. Charlton. The Middleborough-Burnley replay takes place tomorrow.

The semi-final grounds will be announced. The first will be played on March 20 with replays if necessary on or before the following Thursday.—Reuter.

BIG BOUT DATE

London, Mar. 3. The date for the big bout between the two world champions, Mike Duggan and Jimmy Slattery, has been fixed for Saturday, March 16, at the Royal Albert Hall.

Ireland's Victory Over Spain

Dublin, Mar. 2. Ireland beat Spain three goals to two in an international soccer match at Dalymount Park here today, after leading 2-1 at half-time.

The crowd encroached on to the field of play, threatening a holdup at the start, and six minutes before half-time the position was so difficult that the referee stopped play and sent the teams off while the crowd was pushed back. The sidelines had to be remarked and it was nearly half an hour before play was resumed.

Spain did well on a difficult pitch, which was slippery in patches owing to mud.

D. Walsh and Coad gave Ireland a two-goal lead, but Zarra, Spain's outstanding forward, reduced the arrears before half-time and equalised midway through the second half.

Both teams strove for the deciding goal, but the Irish defence, particularly Caroy (Manchester United fullback) dealt with all Spanish moves.

At the other end, D. Walsh scored Ireland's third goal by heading in from Coad's pass.

Ireland team included eight English League players, the side being chosen from all qualified Irish footballers, whatever their club.—Reuter.

Car Output Cut By Coal Shortage

London, Mar. 2. Britain's planned output of automobiles will be cut in half due to the coal shortage, stated the Sunday Times motoring correspondent today.

The writer said that despite support of the export drive given by automobile manufacturers, they had received no priority in coal allocations and would be compelled to work at a maximum three-day week for some time.

The effect on exports, stated the correspondent, will be that delivery dates of present production will be lengthened to possibly eight weeks.

"Equally alarming is the effect on car prices. Even before the shutdown, increasing costs were leading to a general rise in catalogue prices. British makers view with concern the fact that although 50% of the reduced output was going overseas, the proportion in outstanding orders was five home orders to one export."—United Press.

SOVIET COAL LAG

Moscow, Mar. 3. The Russian Council of Ministers, blaming the lag in coal production for delaying the nation's whole economic development, today called for a 16 per cent increase in coal output as it set the goals for 1947 under the five-year plan.

The announcement said "a number of hardships" have been created by failures and backwardness of individual branches of the people's economy. It added that fulfilment of the five-year plan "requires radical improvement in leadership in industry and production planning."—Associated Press.

KOREAN RED SENTENCED

Tokyo, Mar. 2. General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied commander in Japan, in his monthly report on the Korean occupation, revealed that the chief of the financial section of the Korean Communist Party, Lee Kwan, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for counterfeiting 12,000,000 yen and attempting to use the sham money to cause economic disturbances in the American occupation area.

Gen. MacArthur's summation charged that the counterfeiting of 800,000 yen of the current military exchange rate was done by the Communist Party members for the purpose of raising money for the Korean Communist Party.

Battle Of The Tones At Tojo Trial

Tokyo, Mar. 3. The Tribunal trying Hideki Tojo and other Japanese war criminal suspects today flatly rejected the admission by the defence of evidence relating to Big Three violations of International Law.

The Tribunal President, Sir William Webb of Australia, said: "This decision is the decision of the majority."

Specifically, the High Allied Court will not hear evidence on Soviet Russian relations with Finland, the Baltic States, Poland or Rumania, nor Soviet and British relations with Iran, nor American relations with Denmark regarding Iceland and Greenland.

"These are irrelevant," declared Sir William.

The decision was reached after a hectic morning session, dubbed "the Battle of the Tones."

The American defence attorney, Ben Blakeney, attempted to introduce the League of Nations decision condemning Russia for waging aggressive war against Finland and a speech by Churchill in which the British leader attempted to justify British actions in Iran.

Sir William indicated that the Tribunal would take judicial notice of these alleged breaches of International Law, particularly violation of the Paris pact of 1928 which outlawed aggressive war as an instrument of national policy.

The 55-count indictment against Tojo and his 25 co-defendants covers the period ranging from 1928 to 1945.

"We cannot shut out a single relevant fact, no matter how disagreeable," Sir William stated.

Mr. Blakeney heatedly argued that if the prosecuting nations at the Tokyo trial violated International Law, especially the pact of Paris, then accused could not be held for breach of the same law.

Sir William, however, pointed out that 60 nations signed the Paris pact and "at most only one or two have broken it."

"We will judicially take notice of Paris Pact breaches," he added.

Mr. Blakeney sharply denied that the defence was taking particular notice of the Russian treaty violations and said, "I haven't the faintest interest, as defence counsel, whether the Soviet Union committed aggression."

Sir William replied, "Now have we as a Tribunal."

Mr. Blakeney said the defence desired to show that "great, powerful victory nations such as the Big Three at one time or another violated the Pact of Paris since its ratification 19 years ago."—United Press.

Anglican Law Code

London, Mar. 3. The Archbishop of York, Dr. C. F. Garbett, last night announced completion of preliminary work on the first new code of Anglican Church law in nearly three and a half centuries.

"The first step in a long and tedious journey," Dr. Garbett wrote in the March "York diocesan leaflet," was completed recently by a commission appointed in 1939 to revise canons in force since 1603, and now in many cases obsolete.

The new draft code of regulations affecting both clergy and laity will be published in the spring, he added, and will then become "a practical problem."

The Archbishop said that no details would be disclosed until publication of the proposed new canons.—Associated Press.

CHINA PETROL PURCHASES

Shanghai, Mar. 3. The recently established China Petroleum Company is reported to have bought tens of thousands of drums of crude oil from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company at US\$2.00 per drum.

It is further reported that the first consignment of 5,000 tons is already en route to China, and is scheduled to arrive here sometime in March.

The imported crude oil will be sent to Taiwan for refining. A high commission is expected to be set up to handle the sale of crude oil to the mainland.

ROCKET TESTING RANGE

Washington, Mar. 2. A testing range for rocket weapons and jet propelled missiles will be opened this month by the Naval Ordnance Department at Egley Ridge, North Carolina on the abandoned site of a wartime camp, the Navy Department announced today.

The range is being built by Keller Corporation, which will operate it under the guidance of the Army's Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

A 22-mile over-water firing range will be used to study propulsion units such as super-sonic ram jet engines and aerodynamic features of new weapons.

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Engineers' Demands Rejected

The recent petition of the Chinese Engineers' Institute to Government to raise the minimum basic wage of mechanics from two dollars to five dollars per 8-hour working day, has been turned down.

In its reply to the Institute, Government admitted that present cost of living is considerably higher than pre-war, but it was unable to regard existing conditions as having stabilized themselves sufficiently to allow present living costs to be accepted as a permanent standard on which basic wages can be fairly assessed.

High wages paid by certain concerns to their workmen was made possible by peculiar circumstances existing in the Colony at the moment, and when they ceased to exist, drastic wage cuts were inevitable.

Attention was also drawn to the lowering in the general standard of efficiency of Chinese workmen as compared with pre-war, the depreciation being estimated at between 25 and 35 percent. This had a detrimental effect on industry and raised the costs of production.

Employers are always willing to pay their workers a fair wage for a fair day's work, but they do not consider the present moment a suitable one for arbitrarily increasing basic wages and thus impose upon industry a permanent burden which it is unable to support, the letter continued.

Government's reply is being circulated to members of the Institute.

Widow Loses Breach Of Promise Case

London, Mar. 3. A 42-year-old widow, Mrs. Clarissa Thompson, Rosalind-st., Booter's, lost her action for alleged breach of promise at Liverpool Assizes yesterday against Harold Blundell, 40, ruble worker, of Norton, St. Botolph.

She stated that Blundell was the father of her baby son. She has three daughters.

Mr. Justice Lysney said that there had been some agreement between Mrs. Thompson and Blundell for them to go through a ceremony of marriage "to give the baby a name" and then separate "on the doorstep of the church."

The agreement was reached under threat of suicide by Mrs. Thompson. He was satisfied there was no breach of promise.

Mrs. Rose Hellbron outlining Mrs. Thompson's case, said that the couple were accepted by Mrs. Thompson's daughters and friends as engaged, and when Mrs. Thompson found she was pregnant they saw the wife of the vicar of St. Paul's Church, Kirkdale, Liverpool, and fixed the marriage for Aug. 3. Later, Blundell asked Mrs. Thompson to release him because he was in love with someone else.

Purge In France

Paris, Mar. 2. France's collaborationist purge, which has been going on since Liberation, is coming to an end with less than 4,000 cases, mainly involving minor persons, remaining to be tried.

France is still bitter about trials of the shopkeepers class of Vichyites with vengeful enthusiasm. The Right Wing minority is agitating for an amnesty, but this demand is meeting with strong opposition from Socialists and Communists.

Since the purge began over 130 people have been condemned to death. Sixty of them have been executed, 60 pardoned and the remainder are still in custody.

Among the minor traitors to be tried are a few important members of the Vichy Government.

Meanwhile, in his island prison at Ile D'Yeu, off the west coast of France, 91-year-old Petain has appealed through his lawyer to President Vincent Auriol to relax the conditions under which he is living.

Until recently he was guarded by a company of 80 men of the famous Republican Guards. They have now been replaced by a less pretentious guard company from Nantes. Most people in France believe that Petain will die in jail.—Reuter.

Industry Resuming Normal Output

London, Mar. 3. British industry returned to full production Monday ending a crippling three-week shutdown dictated by fuel shortages, but domestic consumers will continue to feel the pinch of power poverty.

The switch-on of electricity to factories, forced into idleness while the Government rebuilt coal stocks depleted by the worst winter since 1899-81, was expected to effect 2,000,000 workers.

Some of them—in motor-car plants—will not resume normal output until the middle of the week, however, pending restocking of the pipe-line of component parts from feeder plants.

But while the gravest industrial crisis in British history appeared to be ending, housewives were asked for further sacrifices in the interest of full employment.

They must conserve electricity five hours daily, probably on a voluntary basis, since mass cut-offs will no longer be practical in areas containing factories.

Coal stocks at most power stations averaged a 17-day supply. The finest weekend weather of the winter enabled further refuelling as priority-sped coal trains flowed across the nation and coastal coal ships entered London port at the rate of one an hour.

Despite grounds for optimism, Prime Minister Clement Attlee's speech "local cabinet"—born of the crisis—will remain to settle the domestic rationing scheme for coal, electricity and gas.—Associated Press.

AT LAST

London, Mar. 3. After 183 years the London "Morning Advertiser" has decided to print news on its front page.

The decision of the "Advertiser," organ of the Society of Liverymen, to alter the position of the "Advertiser," was hailed as a landmark in the history of the paper.

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"Beardless Bluebeard" Admits Sex Murders

Tokyo, Mar. 3. Yoshio Kodaira, Oriental beardless Bluebeard, today denied he had committed ten sex murders. "I only killed seven," he said. As the anaemic, lean little Japanese went on trial charged with ten rape-murders, Kodaira told the Court the police had miscounted his victims and then went on to describe the first of a series of sex crimes that baffled the police for more than a year.

"I had a sudden desire for her," he said, speaking of 18-year-old Mitsuoko Miyazaki, who was his first victim. He said the desire came at noon on May 25, 1945, when she told him in a Navy dormitory room in Tokyo that she was leaving the city.

"I attempted to coax her consent, but she refused and went to her room," he continued. "I followed her there, and when she refused again, I strangled her, dragged her, unconscious, to another room, raped her, then buried her in a foxhole."

He said he killed the girl for fear she might report his advances, which might have revealed that he served a prison sentence for the murder of his former wife's relative, and also that he had reported false qualification to the Navy in getting employment.

"He feared I might be subjected to a Navy court-martial and receive heavy punishment," he stated.

No Peeping Tom. Kodaira admitted he first desired the girl three nights previously when he saw her drying herself after a bath in a boiler room, but refrained from raping her because he feared he might be seen.

He said he was joking when he told the police he had had sexual relations with several girls and nurses in the Navy dormitory where he worked in the early months of 1945.

He denied police reports that he was a Peeping Tom, spying on girls sleeping and also in their baths.

Judge Kishi questioned Kodaira lengthily about his background.

The Judge pounded his gavel when the courtroom laughed as Kodaira said there was no one "mentally afflicted" in his family, then added, "Oh yes, my older sister was a bit funny in her head."

Kodaira said a great change took place in his life after he left prison in 1923, adding, "I began to lose control of myself suddenly."

Effect Of Navy. He admitted the truth of the prosecutor's charge that he became more "sex conscious" after he volunteered for Navy service in 1923. He said the sailors talked only about women and that when he visited foreign ports, "I had relations with many foreign women."

He told the Court that after he had evacuated his wife and little son from Tokyo during the air raids to his wife's native place in Toyama Prefecture, Northwestern Honshu, he lived a "restless life" in Tokyo because he was aware the war was going badly against Japan and the future was uncertain.

Five hundred curious Japanese, including a large number of women—among them smart looking, uniform-clad high school girls—were jammed in the small, ill-furnished courtroom on the second storey of the District Criminal Court building, which is still standing in a bombed-out area.

Elder Statesman Expelled

Shanghai, Mar. 3. Elder Statesman Tung Pi-wu, who has been held incommunicado in a residence of the former French Concession since Saturday, was placed aboard an express last night for Nanking, where he will be flown to Yenan with other Communists.

Tung Pi-wu, who was under escort, was accompanied by his wife and son.

Complying with an order from the Shanghai garrison headquarters, the Communist office in Shanghai supplied a list of Communists, according to the Central News Agency, which said it contained 34 names.

This included the name of five Communist representatives with CNRRA which will be handed in separately.

All the remaining Communists in Shanghai are to be entrained for Nanking on March 5 for the flight to Nanking two days later.

Half of the 34 on the list already presented were members of the Communist Shanghai office and the other half were members of the Communist New China News Agency—Associated Press.

Industry Resuming Normal Output

London, Mar. 3. British industry returned to full production Monday ending a crippling three-week shutdown dictated by fuel shortages, but domestic consumers will continue to feel the pinch of power poverty.

The switch-on of electricity to factories, forced into idleness while the Government rebuilt coal stocks depleted by the worst winter since 1899-81, was expected to effect 2,000,000 workers.

Some of them—in motor-car plants—will not resume normal output until the middle of the week, however, pending restocking of the pipe-line of component parts from feeder plants.

But while the gravest industrial crisis in British history appeared to be ending, housewives were asked for further sacrifices in the interest of full employment.

They must conserve electricity five hours daily, probably on a voluntary basis, since mass cut-offs will no longer be practical in areas containing factories.

Coal stocks at most power stations averaged a 17-day supply. The finest weekend weather of the winter enabled further refuelling as priority-sped coal trains flowed across the nation and coastal coal ships entered London port at the rate of one an hour.

Despite grounds for optimism, Prime Minister Clement Attlee's speech "local cabinet"—born of the crisis—will remain to settle the domestic rationing scheme for coal, electricity and gas.—Associated Press.

AT LAST

London, Mar. 3. After 183 years the London "Morning Advertiser" has decided to print news on its front page.

The decision of the "Advertiser," organ of the Society of Liverymen, to alter the position of the "Advertiser," was hailed as a landmark in the history of the paper.

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